

Seoul, Korea, Oct. 21.—A Korean fight between Chinese and Japanese soldiers at Kantao, Northern China, threatens to result in trouble between China and Japan. The date and date of the fight are not accurately known, but it is reported that the Chinese were the aggressors. They fired a fusillade at a police station occupied by Japanese troops. After fighting for several hours, many men of the Chinese side were killed or wounded, the Chinese withdrew, and the Japanese were reinforced later and prepared to pursue the Chinese. They apparently gave notice of their intentions to the Peking authorities, whereupon China forbade their entering Chinese territory. Japan protested, and it is reported she declared that unless aid was given immediate satisfaction Japanese troops would cross the frontier.



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## Around the City

The weekly shoveler will be held in the Conservative club rooms tonight. Don't forget to turn out, boys.

Max A. C. Rutherford will receive on Saturday instead of Friday this week.

If the country does its duty on the 26th and puts Mr. J. L. Borden in power an improvement in the weather may be looked for at once.

J. W. Tipton, J.P., started out of town with the ballot boxes this morning. We trust they are of the ordinary and not the false bottomed description.

The Twin Cities Poultry Association met last evening at the auction rooms of J. G. Tipton & Son. There was a good attendance and a pleasant and profitable evening was spent. Mr. Longmore, of the poultry branch of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, gave an address. It was arranged to have two meetings each month in future, one on the first Monday in Edmonton and the other on the third Wednesday at Tipton's rooms in Strathcona.

The Bulletin is very anxious to give its readers believe that the highest up the C.P.R. is not due to Mayor McDougall, and agonizingly blames the delay on Mr. Hyndman. If the people of Edmonton were brought to their own interests they would be more conciliatory to the C.P.R. Mayor McDougall says that the C.P.R. will come at Clover Bar or Fort Saskatchewan has already been denied by Mr. Whyte. What is much more will run along the south bank of the Rhinley happen is that the C.P.R. river and cross further west where they will not be held up. This would do no harm to Strathcona but would not improve Edmonton.

WANTS TO BE JUDGED ON ITS PROMISES.

What would be said of a government in England that appealed to the people, saying: "Do not judge on what we have done, but on what we claim we are going to do." At the United States think of a president who appealing for a second term, asked the people to disregard what he had done and to determine his claims for reelection on his promises for the future.

A British government of a president of the United States that went before the people with such a ridiculous platform would be treated as a joke. Yet that is the very platform upon which the Laurier government is appealing to the people of Canada today.

There is little in the record of the Laurier government to commend. There is a great deal to explain. Therefore the Laurier government is disposed to say very little about what it has done, while it is prodigal of promises of what it is going to do. Let the intelligent elector analyze the speeches that are being made in behalf of the Laurier government in the present campaign and it will be found that the government rests its case almost entirely on its pledges for future delivery. Let the same intelligent elector analyze the speeches that are being made in behalf of the Republican party of the United States and it will be found that it rests its case almost wholly on what has been accomplished, under the auspices of the retiring executive.

The Republican party in the United States asks to be judged on its administrative record. The people of the United States would not think of judging it in any other way. The Laurier government asks to be judged on its promises. Thus does it confess the weakness of its record and its inability to regain a trust which it has dishonestly and degraded.

HOW SIFTON BECAME RICH.

(Mail and Empire.)

How Clifford Sifton became wealthy while occupying the office of Minister of the Interior is a problem that has never been satisfactorily explained.

is enough. Let us look at one of the speculations, which is thus unfolded by Fr. Sifton's admirer:

"Sifton and a few private friends being convinced that the West was about to see a great and permanent boom brought up a large part of the stock of the Canadian North-West Land Company at 26 cents on the dollar. This company was formed long before he became a minister. It bought three million acres of Canadian land. Some people have attributed the financial rise of this political genius to speculation in wheat. Others have supposed that some South American gold mine is responsible for the millions the ex-minister has acquired. It has fallen to a Boston gentleman who writes with much authority of the Laurier Government, to solve the mystery. This writer, Mr. E. W. Thompson, states that Mr. Sifton was rich before he entered the Laurier government. He had for years a large practice in Brandon, which brought him in \$500 annually. In the days of Conservative rule, the people had not have afforded \$100,000 a year for litigation through one of the several lawyers in Brandon if they had been really poor. We also wish to express admiration of the conduct of Mr. Sifton in decreasing his income of \$500 a year in Brandon to accept a salary of \$2,000 at Ottawa, and to do so at all the expenses which appertain to public life. No man would make such a sacrifice were he at all fond of money. With the fortune he brought to Ottawa, Mr. Thompson speculates—says his biographer—making \$100,000 of Northern Pacific stock, and \$100,000 out of the Canada Northern West Land Company. The two sums multiplied aggregate \$200,000 so that the story of the rapid rise is not completed. There are several millions to be explained yet. But what is told for railway lands? His managers could not sell. After the boom came, Sifton and his friends, he being the principal holder among them, sold the lands so well that they realized 250 cents for their 26 cents per share. He made about \$100,000 per cent."

This is a nice state of things. Now we have the Minister of the Interior speculating in lands in the West and making \$100,000 by the process! This Minister is in a position to influence the course of colonization. In commends the immigration policy and places settlers where he likes. He can boom this part of the country, and depress that part of the country. And the man who exercises this authority becomes a land speculator, and makes \$100,000. What would have been said if Sir John A. Macdonald or Hon. Thomas White, or Mr. Duly, while holding the office of Minister of the Interior, had become the principal shareholder in a land company?

Mr. Thompson's revelation is very serious. We hope he will give us more. Meanwhile the question is whether the Minister of the Interior should be allowed to dominate the West. He was known to be dangerous before Mr. Thompson spoke, for he has gone into this fight to oppose reclamation. After what Mr. Thompson has told us he is still more dangerous.

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## THE NIGHTRIDERS.

(Continued on page 4.)

Captain Rankin was a prominent lawyer of Trenton.

Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 26.—Governor Patterson today offered a reward of \$10,000 for the arrest of the person or persons guilty of the murder of Col. Taylor and Captain Rankin at Red Foot Lake. Governor Patterson said at Covington when news of the murder was received, and immediately called his engagement to speak there today.

The Governor has been informed that not only were Col. Taylor and Capt. Rankin, but also that a secretary who was with the lawyers, is missing and may have met a similar fate.

The trouble between inhabitants on the banks of the Red Foot Lake and Colonel Taylor and Captain Rankin originated several years ago, when the two latter men organized the West Tennessee Land Company, bought Red Foot Lake from non-resident property owners and made regulations of their own concerning fishing privileges. Col. Taylor also secured the passage of the legislature of an act making it a misdemeanor to fish in the lake without paying a heavy fee. Feeling towards Captain Rankin and Col. Taylor remained away from the vicinity of the lake for some time. Recently, however, they heard that the feeling against them had somewhat subsided. There were some legal papers at Walnut Lake which needed attention, and the two men went there yesterday to see about them.

## SIFTON NEEDED POLICE TO KRIE ORDER.

Winnipeg, Oct. 22.—The Valies theatre was crowded by 3,000 people tonight. The principal speakers were Hon. Clifford Sifton and D. C. Cameron. There were many interruptions and a strong police force ejected scores of the more noisy.

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